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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF SANG PROJECT MANAGER

1. DOD INTENDS TO NOMINATE COLONEL WILLIAM A. FIFER, USA, TO REPLACE BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD D. LAWRENCE AS THE SANG PROJECT MANAGER UPON GENERAL LAWRENCE'S ROTATION NEXT SPRING. THE POSITION IS NOT BEING DOWN GRADED. IT WILL REMAIN A BRIGADIER GENERAL POSITION WITH COLONEL FIFER EXPECTED TO BE PROMOTED IN PLACE AFTER THE NEXT SELECTION BOARD MEETS SOME TIME LATE IN CY 1977. REQUEST YOUR INFORMAL CONCURRENCE IN NOMINATION AT THIS TIME. FORMAL NOMINATION MESSAGE WILL BE SENT TO YOU AT A LATER DATE.

2. IF YOU CONCUR, DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS PLANS TO SEND A LETTER TO PRINCE ABDULLAH ASSURING HIM THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF A COLONEL AS PROJECT MANAGER IS TEMPORARY ONLY, THAT COLONEL FIFER IS THE BEST QUALIFIED OFFICER IN THE US ARMY TO FILL THE POSITION, AND THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO BE PROMOTED AFTER THE NEXT SELECTION BOARD MEETS. THIS LETTER WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR DELIVERY TO PRINCE
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ABDULLAH AT THE TIME THE NOMINATION IS SENT TO YOU FOR

FORMAL CONCURRENCE. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE TREAT FIFER
NOMINATION AS "CLOSE HOLD", NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHER
US MILITARY. ROBINSON

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